

# EDITORIALS

## On Labor Day

It was in May, 1882, that Peter J. McGuire, president of an organization of carpenters and joiners in New York, conceived the idea that one day out of the year ought to be set aside "in honor of labor."

Mr. McGuire contended that our country had holidays representative of the religious, civil and military spirit, but none "representative of the industrial spirit, the great vital force of the nation." He proposed that a "Labor Day" should be observed on the first Monday in September, since the date fell about half way between Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day.

So it came into being, and gradually over the years it became a legal holiday which is now observed in all our states.

Labor and management, employee and employer—in fact, all of us free Americans—join on Labor Day to pay tribute to "the industrial spirit, the great vital force of the nation." We respect the cooperation between honest, dedicated and responsible leadership in the American system which has made us the most progressive, most powerful and most prosperous nation on earth. All of us—regardless of our work and status in life—enjoy its fruits, in the highest standard of living the world ever has known.

## TORRANCE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGED IN REPORT

Torrance has long boasted of its leadership over other southwest and South Bay cities in the matter of population, but a new compilation of assessed valuation and sales and use tax revenues for the area indicates that Torrance is not a leader in all respects.

While it is true that Torrance's residential population has soared during the past decade, other phases of its development have not kept pace. Today, Torrance is next to the bottom in taxable sales among the eight area cities, although it has more population than any two of the cities combined.

And, despite this city's industrial growth, it still has a lower assessed valuation per capita than El Segundo.

A breakdown of the figures for the eight area cities has been compiled by Manhattan Beach City Manager Gayle T. Martin to point that his city, composed mainly of residential units, must depend almost entirely on residential property taxes for its support.

Other cities, like El Segundo, with high assessed valuations and sales tax incomes, can take it easier on taxing residential property.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation per capita and the sales and use tax revenues compiled by Martin shows:

Assessed Valuation Per Capita (Population in Parenthesis)	
1. El Segundo (11,688) .....	\$7583
2. Torrance (82,763) .....	1807
3. Redondo Beach (41,723) .....	1714
3. Hawthorne (28,212) .....	1714
5. Gardena (21,360) .....	1619
6. Inglewood (56,315) .....	1410
7. Hermosa Beach (15,274) .....	133
8. Manhattan Beach (30,586) .....	1000

  

Per Capita Sales and Use Tax Revenue	
1. El Segundo .....	\$46.25
2. Inglewood .....	23.24
3. Hermosa Beach .....	20.66
4. Gardena .....	19.66
5. Redondo Beach .....	10.17
6. Hawthorne .....	9.88
7. Torrance .....	8.23
8. Manhattan Beach .....	5.71

## Opinions of Others

Three basic ingredients for happiness are outlined by George Mardikian, the Armenian food king of San Francisco: Belief in yourself, belief in your country, and most important, belief in God. Mix them all together, then bake well in the oven of day-to-day living. Add a dash of humor and serve! The result will earn you beautiful and lasting success.—Fillmore (N. Y.) Northern Allegany Observer.

**STAR GAZER**  
By CLAY R. POLLAN  
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Don't	31 Likely	61 Response
2 Well	32 To	62 Shine
3 Follow	33 See	63 Be
4 Outmate	34 You	64 To
5 Friends	35 Will	65 Today
6 Sit	36 Quick	66 Co
7 Friends	37 Be	67 Suggestions
8 That	38 Highest	68 Problems
9 Planned	39 Will	69 Rother
10 That	40 To	70 That
11 Act	41 Durable	71 Too
12 For	42 Ideals	72 Money
13 Today	43 Detouring	73 Needs
14 With	44 For	74 Worthwhile
15 Do	45 Get	75 Arg.
16 Be	46 Know	76 You
17 Your	47 Your	77 Impulse
18 The	48 Criticize	78 Than
19 Top	49 Around	79 And
20 Progressive	50 In	80 Reckless
21 Fruitful	51 You're	81 Cr.
22 Out	52 Tend	82 Condemn
23 Best	53 Results	83 Physical
24 Choose	54 To	84 Pursue
25 Special	55 Mind	85 Must
26 Toward	56 Inclined	86 Unusual
27 Talents	57 Concentrate	87 Frustrating
28 Manager	58 Be	88 Circumstance
29 Talents	59 Fully	89 The
30 Mental	60 To	90 Best
		91

Good Adverse Neutral  
1-16-19-36  
40-48-81-82

## Handicap Race



## YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

### Mom Flips at Tooted Ships

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 28 with a real crusher of a problem. I eloped at 18 and my parents had it annulled. (They were right. He was married and had a criminal record.)

Now, 10 years later I find myself involved with a handsome musician whose wife won't give him a divorce because it's against her religion. They've been married eight years, have three children but have been separated for 22 months.

I have a good job but I don't meet any eligible guys at work. This fellow drinks more than he should and has a habit of running short of money. I've never kept track of what he owes me but it must be around \$350.

Last week he couldn't pay his rent so the landlady put him out. He brought his clothes to my place "just for the night" but he's still here and has made no effort to move.

I've told him to get out of my life but he swears he loves me and one day we'll be married. I know I'm in a rut—but what to do—what to do?—GLADYS

Quit telling the musician to "get out of your life." Get out of HIS. He's got a pretty good thing—a steady guy, a small loan connection and now free living quarters. Was he perchance the guy who wrote the song, "I like Gladys 'cuz everything is gratis?"

A girl who gets tangled up with a married man is a fool. She usually spends the best years of her life waiting for a divorce that never happens. Before she knows it, the crow's feet look like elephant tracks, her reputation isn't worth a plugged nickel, and no decent man would have her. Wake up!

Dear Ann: I'm a heart sick mother. My son is only 19 years of age. He joined the Navy four months ago. Last week he came home on his first leave.

He had pictures of dancing girls tattooed on both arms and a large battleship on his chest. I am just sick. When I asked him why he did such a thing he said he went out one night with a bunch of sailors, they drank too much and decided to "get decorated." He doesn't even remember having it done.

Can I sue the United States Navy or make a formal complaint to my son's commanding officer? For the rest of his life my boy will have to carry these hideous pictures on his body and they are in color yet! It seems to me the Navy should be responsible for its young boys and protect them. Please advise, —MURPHY'S MOTHER

Dear Murphy's Mother: Any boy who is old enough

to be in the United States Navy ought to be responsible for himself. If you want your son to swab decks the rest of his life just complain to his commanding officer!

To be tattooed or not to be tattooed is a matter of personal choice. If your son went out one night and lost control of his reason, this is nobody's fault but his.

Tattooing can be removed. He need not carry the dancing girls and the battleship forever. A dermatologist can relieve him of the art work whenever he's ready to have it done.

Dear Anne: Nine years ago my father married a widow with young children. I am a married woman with four of my own. Do you think that a man's grandchildren should come first in his affection or his step-children who are not even blood relatives?

I say my kids should come first, but the way he acts I don't think he believes it.

## THE SQUIRREL CAGE By Reid Bundy

### It's a Matter of Words

Today's Chamber of Commerce announcement about the breakfast meeting to welcome Ryan Aeronautical people to Torrance had a neat little "wrong word" bloop in it.

"Ryan Aeronautical Co. will be officially 'welcomed' to Torrance at the meeting and will recuperate by presenting the program..." the release said.

Of course, they didn't mean to say "recuperate." They meant "retaliates."

Side note to the compiler of travel information for a firm of that name in San Francisco which specializes in news of "where to go," "what

to see," and "what to do." The letter from you this week had nothing in it—not even a blank sheet of paper. Can't make us believe the Labor Day week end is that dull in the travel business.

Sign hanging on a company bulletin board, pilfered and handed to us by a spy:

"Be the first in the office every morning, the last to leave at night, never be absent, always work through your lunch hour, and one day the big boss will call you in and say, 'I've been watching you work very carefully, Jones. Just what the hell are you up to?'"

## REYNOLDS KNIGHT

# Automation Creates Jobs

Automation, sometimes accused of threatening to displace human beings, actually needs more of them—technicians trained in the complexities of new processes.

Both industry and the military are experiencing shortages of qualified people to maintain complex automatic programs, according to the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

The need for automation is heightened by the fact that there now is a smaller working population due to the decline of births during the depression, a study by the Foundation points out.

In addition to qualified technicians, automation also needs more industrial managers, the Foundation says. By providing management with immediate knowledge of stocks, inventories, sales and production, automation makes it possible for the industrial manager to make use of analytical tools heretofore used only by science. With these, he is able to make rational decisions instead of rough estimates.

DISPOSABLE CLOTHING—Clothes designed to be worn once and then discarded may not be far off. New processes for making non-woven fabrics from both natural and new man-made fibers are expected to make this possible.

As a starter, the idea is being tested in terms of providing "disposable clothing" for doctors, nurses and others requiring a daily change of uniforms, according to the factoring firm of William Iselin & Co., Inc., a financing specialist in the textile and apparel fields.

The company says that many "research projects in non-woven textiles are aimed at developing new processes for making fabrics that will provide more styling, comfort and wearability for both men's and women's apparel—and products for business and industry such as backing for rugs, filters for air conditioning systems, typewriter ribbons and other articles.

Among the reported developments are rubber fabrics that breathe—and some garments that can be made by spraying latex on mannikins, letting it "cure," and then peeling it off. Bathing suits and girdles with greater strength and more elasticity may be made this way.

THINGS TO COME—Although commercial use is said to be two years away, an auto maker has discovered a chemical, vanadium pentoxide, that reduces noxious, smog-causing hydrocarbons from auto exhaust gases...

Forget to take your tranquilizer? On the market is a pill box with a built-in alarm clock to signal the time a pill should be taken... Value your dog's life? You may now obtain insurance on pedigreed animals up to \$5000 from an animal insurance firm just licensed by New York State.

SUCCESS STORY—"Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door" could certainly be said of the melamine dinnerware molders.

In 10 years the industry has grown from nothing to an annual gross sales volume that will easily top \$70 million this year. In 1946 there were only two plastic molders willing to venture into this field—today there are some 24 molders in the U. S. and Canada operating around the clock to keep up with demand for this colorful and practically unbreakable dinnerware.

The Melamine Council, a new organization representing the molders, says the industry is now producing 61 consumer merchandise lines and points out that today's housewife can make 225 individual selections from the basic lines' colors and patterns. This does not include lines manufactured exclusively for restaurants and institutions where melamine also is gaining favor.

Independent retail buyer surveys indicate the industry may expect a gross sales volume of over \$84,000,000 in 1960, a 20 per cent increase over 1957 sales.

To meet the rising demand for all melamine products, the Barrett Division of the

Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., a major supplier of the molding compound, has begun an expansion in Toledo, Ohio, that will double production capacity and make the plant the largest of its kind.

MORE JOBS—The federal highway program is shifting into higher gear. Government contributions for the program will run about \$1.8 billion through June 1958. That's about \$650 million more than in the fiscal year ended June 1957.

If state governments come through with their matching payments and planning details, this could take up the slack in jobs resulting from aircraft procurement cutbacks and completions. How much highway building can offset aircraft industry unemployment will depend upon location, of course. Labor surpluses now exist on the West Coast, due to aircraft plant layoffs. Unless those states are ready to take advantage of the federal road program, their workers won't be in a position to benefit.

Employment this summer set an all-time high of 67.2 million, boosted by the influx of students and other seasonal workers. However, factory employment was down from the previous year of 180,000—to 16.7 million.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Many firms now resist hiring 30-year-olds "because of their advanced age," according to a survey by the Office Executives Assn. . . . Of 11 manufacturers polled by Dun & Bradstreet, 54 reported more trouble collecting bills this year than last, only four found it easier, and the rest saw no change. . . . No squeeze on profits: Of the nation's 10 largest banks reporting six-month earnings, nine showed big improvements over 1956, the jumps ranging from 9 to 19 per cent.

## FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

### On Music for Fun

Editor, Torrance Herald: This is a copy of a letter I sent this week to the Torrance Recreation Department:

I want to extend my appreciation to your department for the Swim Program and for Music For Fun.

The Swim Program was a joy to watch. The number of guards, teachers and the general operation was excellent. In spite of the number of children participating, each child was given individual instruction; yet they had the group pressure and assurance which enabled many of them to do much more than they had thought they could.

I cannot say enough for the quality of the instructors. For three hours each morning they taught, they helped, they coached, and if necessary pushed from 50 to 80 young sprouts of all sizes and ability in and around the water.

The children loved both the water and their teachers. They were inspired with the desire to swim that 12 foot depth and they tried with every bit they had because their instructor was swimming beside them and he said they could do it.

The concert Sunday, Aug. 18th of the Music For Fun program was exactly that... fun! The conductor, Mr. Davidson, worked with beginners as well as those who had taken several years. By his selection of music, by his understanding of what the young musicians liked, and by literally pulling the notes from the youngsters with his own enthusiasm, he created a happy working group.

Many of the parents were vocally amazed at the result. There were squeaks and some sour notes, and a few extra boom booms on the drums; but there were some 80 fifth to eighth graders all blowing away, tapping their feet, and if the music was not as professional as Lawrence Welk, who cared... they were making this music themselves and having a ball!

Taxes are rarely enjoyed... but on Aug. 18th at the band concert and on the swimming graduation days, there were many people who were certain they had received full value for any and all paid.

NANCY ANN CARPENTER



"Few of us get dizzy by doing too many good turns!"

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